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Please find below and/or attached an Office communication concerning this application or proceeding.

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	Examiner	Art Unit	2871

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Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) OR THIRTY (30) DAYS, WHICHEVER IS LONGER, FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

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Status

- 1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on 05 August 2005.
- 2a) This action is FINAL. 2b) This action is non-final.
- 3) Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) Claim(s) 1-11 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) Claim(s) 1-7 and 9-11 is/are rejected.
- 7) Claim(s) 8 is/are objected to.
- 8) Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) The drawing(s) filed on 15 March 2004 is/are: a) accepted or b) objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) All b) Some * c) None of:
 1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413) |
| 2) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) | Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____. |
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Paper No(s)/Mail Date <u>03/15/04; 04/06/05; 04/02/05</u> | 5) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152) |
| | 6) <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____. |

DETAILED ACTION

Election/Restrictions

1. In response to applicant's arguments as well as upon further consideration of the claims, the examiner is hereby withdrawing the restriction requirement mailed on July 12, 2005 and accordingly, all the claims are examined on the merits.

Priority

2. Receipt is acknowledged of papers submitted under 35 U.S.C. 119(a)-(d), which papers have been placed of record in the file.

Specification

3. The lengthy specification has not been checked to the extent necessary to determine the presence of all possible minor errors. Applicant's cooperation is requested in correcting any errors of which applicant may become aware in the specification.

4. The title of the invention is not descriptive. A new title is required that is clearly indicative of the invention to which the claims are directed.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

5. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

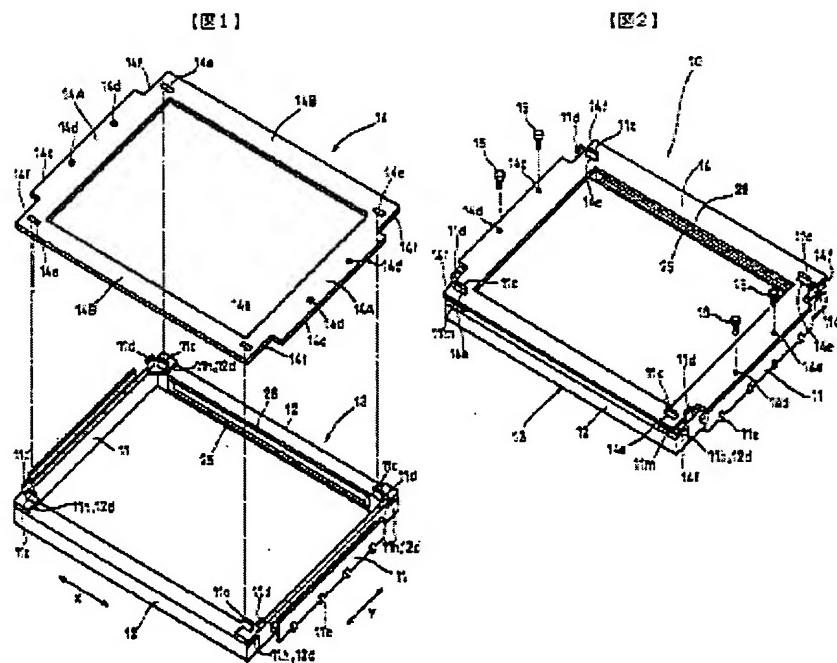
A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

6. Claims 1, 2, 5, 6, 9, 10 and 11 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Kazuya Minami (Kazuya), JP 2000-258756 (provided by the applicant).

7. Kazuya discloses and shows in Figs. 1-3, an electro-optical apparatus, comprising:

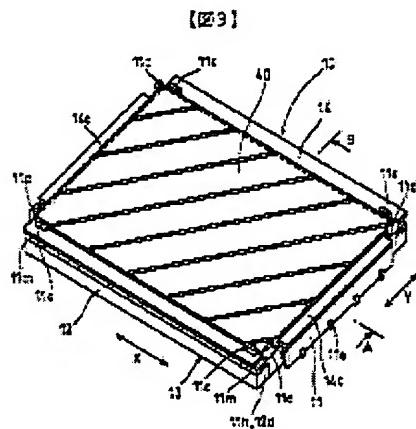
- an electro-optical device (40) having an image display region on which light from a light source is incident light and a peripheral region around the display region (shown in Fig. 5)



- a mounting case including a plate (13) disposed so as to face one surface of the electro-optical device and a cover (14) whose portion abuts against the

plate, at least a portion of the peripheral region of the electro-optical device held by at least one of the plate and the cover,

- at least one of the (13) and the cover (14) include a resin member (11) to fix the electro-optical device to the mounting case an a metal member having a window corresponding to the image display region in the electro-optical device.



Accordingly, claims 1, 9 and 10 are anticipated.

As to claim 2, it is clear from Fig. 3 that the resin member (11) surrounds the electro-optical device (40).

As to claim 5, Kazuya also discloses (abstract) that a portion of the cover (14) abutting against the plate (13) being made of metal member.

As to claim 6, Kazuya also shows in Fig. 1 that the plate (13) including an engaging portion (11c, 11d), the cover (14) including an engaged portion (14e, 14f) to be engaged with the engaging portion, and the engaged portion provided in the metal member (14).

As to claim 11, a projection display apparatus inherently includes an electro-optical device, a light source, an optical system to guide the projection light onto the electro-optical device and a projection optical system to project the projection light emitted from the electro-optical device

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

8. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negatived by the manner in which the invention was made.

9. This application currently names joint inventors. In considering patentability of the claims under 35 U.S.C. 103(a), the examiner presumes that the subject matter of the various claims was commonly owned at the time any inventions covered therein were made absent any evidence to the contrary. Applicant is advised of the obligation under 37 CFR 1.56 to point out the inventor and invention dates of each claim that was not commonly owned at the time a later invention was made in order for the examiner to consider the applicability of 35 U.S.C. 103(c) and potential 35 U.S.C. 102(e), (f) or (g) prior art under 35 U.S.C. 103(a).

10. Claims 3, 4 and 7 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Kazuya.

11. As to claims 3 and 4, attaching the mounting case to an attaching portion of a projection display device wherein the attaching portion is provided at the resin member and the attaching portion including holes and cylinder members whose axes are aligned with lines that pass through the centers of the holes is common and known in the art and thus would have been obvious to obtain a projection display device that is compact, thin and strong.

As to claim 7, even though Kazuya does not explicitly disclose that the linear expansion coefficient of the resin member is substantially same as that of the metal member, it would have been obvious to substantially match the linear expansion coefficients for several reasons such as to prevent unusual movement of either the plate or the cover due to heat and thus strongly fix the electro-optical device to the mounting case.

Allowable Subject Matter

12. Claims 8 is objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Conclusion

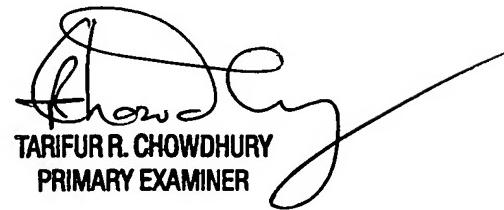
13. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Tarifur R. Chowdhury whose telephone number is (571) 272-2287. The examiner can normally be reached on M-Th (6:30-5:00) Friday Off.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Robert Kim can be reached on (571) 272-2293. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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